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FARMERS SET A DEADLINE FOR GOVT

The Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM), which is speaheading the protests, said their biggest-ever mahapanchayat in nine months aims to show to the Yogi-Modi combine the agitation has the support of "all castes, religions, states and classes". They would press the state to withdraw cases against farmers by September 8, failing which they will ramp up their protests. P10

INFIGHTING SLOWS DOWN TALIBAN GOVT FORMATION

ISI chief rushes to Kabul to lobby for the Haqqanis; Taliban reasonable in addressing India's concerns, says Foreign Secretary Shringla

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

A Taliban fighter walks past a group of people sitting outside a bank waiting to withdraw their money, at Shar-e-Naw neighbourhood in Kabul on Saturday | AFP

THE Taliban have yet again postponed the formal announcement of their government reportedly due to infighting among various factions within the militia over power-sharing, especially between the Baradar camp and the Haqqani Network. While Mullah Abdul Ghani Baradar, chairman of the Taliban's political office in Qatar, is widely believed to be the face of the new government with Hibatullah Akhundzada being the titular head, the ISI-sponsored Haqqani Network, whose troops control Kabul, is eyeing an important role in the yet-to-be formed government.

"The announcement about the new government and Cabinet members will be made next week," Taliban spokesman Zabiullah Mujahid said on Saturday, without divulging more details. This is the second time that the Taliban have delayed the formation of the government in Kabul since they seized Kabul on August 15.

In a surprise move, ISI chief Lieutenant General Faiz Hameed reached Kabul on Saturday reportedly to lobby for the Haqqanis. The ISI chief's trip is the first high-level visit by a Pak official since the Taliban took over Kabul. Earlier in the day, Pak Army chief General Qamar Jawed Bajwa met British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab and told him that Pakistan would assist in the formation of an inclusive administration in Afghanistan.

According to Khalil Haqqani, one of the Taliban leaders negotiating with different groups over power-sharing, the bid to make the new government broad-based and acceptable to the international community is causing the delay.

"The Taliban can form a government of their own but they are now focusing to have an administration in which all parties, groups and sections of the society have proper representation," he said.

Meanwhile, India's Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla expressed hope that the Taliban would be 'reasonable' while addressing India's concerns. "Our engagement with the Taliban has been limited. It's not that we have had a robust conversation. But for whatever conversation we've had so far... the Taliban seem to indicate that they will be reasonable in the way they handle this," the foreign secretary said. On Tuesday, the Indian envoy to Qatar, Deepak Mittal, had held talks with a senior Taliban leader in Doha. P12

PM Modi plans to visit US later this month

New Delhi: Amid the rapidly evolving situation in Afghanistan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi plans to visit the US during September 22-27, sources said. This will be Modi's first US trip after President Joe Biden assumed office. The two have previously met virtually at the Quad summit in March, G7 summit in June and climate change summit in April

Karnataka to ban online gambling

ASHWINI M SRIPAD @ Bengaluru

ONLINE gambling and betting will soon be banned in Karnataka. The Cabinet on Saturday took a decision to amend the Karnataka Police Act to bring the ban into effect. However, online lottery and betting on horse races, happening within or outside the State, can continue legally, said Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister JC Madhuswamy after the cabinet meeting.

The cabinet approved a draft of the amendment bill, which will be placed before the Houses during the legislature session commencing from September 13, he added.

The decision follows a direction from the Karnataka High Court asking the State Government to take a stand on online gambling.

The draft bill states, "Gaming means all forms of wagering or betting in the form of tokens, valued in terms of money, virtual currency and electronic transfer of funds in connection with any game of chance. It is also any act of risking money on the unknown result of an event, including on a game of skill, playing any game or by any third parties."

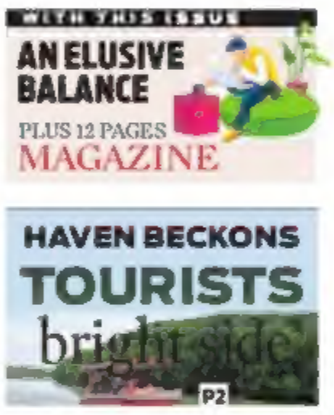
Madhuswamy said the instrument of gaming includes any article used or intended to be used, including computers, computer systems, mobile apps, internet or cyber space, virtual platforms, software and accessories. Home Minister Araga Jnanendra told *TNSE* that earlier, the police could raid places where playing cards and other gambling activities took place. P4

JAB-O-METER: TAKE YOUR SHOT

September 3: 51,66,894 doses
September 4: 62,25,922 doses
TOTAL DOSES: 68,37,53,058

NATIONWIDE	SEPT 03	SEPT 04
Fresh cases	45,352	42,618
Recoveries	34,791	36,385
Deaths	366	330

KARNATAKA	SEPT 03	SEPT 04
Fresh cases	1,220	983
Recoveries	1,175	1,620
Deaths	19	21



EXPRESS READ

Bhabanipur bypoll on Sept 30

New Delhi: The bypoll to the Bhabanipur Assembly seat in West Bengal, from where CM Mamata Banerjee plans to contest, will be held on September 30, the Election Commission announced on Saturday. The Bhabanipur bypoll will allow Mamata a chance to become a member of the Assembly. She had moved out of her traditional seat in Bhabanipur to fight from Nandigram during the Assembly elections. P10

8 in UP charged with waging war

Lucknow: Eight people arrested over alleged illegal religious conversion in UP have been charged with conspiring to wage a war against the country. Special judge Ram Gupta allowed a plea by the anti-terrorist squad, which had arrested the eight in June. P9

'No decision on opening Std 1-5'

Bengaluru: Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday clarified that the State Government has not considered reopening of schools for Classes 1 to 5. "We will see how things work out for Classes 6, 7 and 8, and then take further decisions," Bommai told reporters. P7

MEDAL RUSH FOR INDIA

India won 4 more Paralympic medals on Saturday, taking their tally to 17. A look at the medallists...

PRAMOD BHAGAT
(badminton, men's singles SL3) GOLD

World No 1 in this category who won a hatful of medals coming into the Games. Was the favourite and lived up to the billing. First time that the sport is at the Games.

MANOJ SARKAR
(badminton, men's singles SL3) BRONZE

A worlds silver medallist from 2017. Took to the sport at a young age and used to hold his own against able-bodied athletes. Was struck by polio when he was an adolescent

SINGHRAJ ADHANA
(shooting, mixed 50m pistol SH1) SILVER

Got into the sport well into his 30s. This is his second medal in a single Paralympics, having won a bronze in the P1 men's 10m air pistol SH1 discipline.

MANISH NARWAL
(shooting, mixed 50m pistol SH1) GOLD

Has the world record in this category. Was on the verge of elimination but showed admirable cojones to claw his way back to win. Has a congenital impairment in right hand | P15

Department of Public Instruction
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
TEACHERS DAY - 2021
On the occasion of
the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna
Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan
State Level Teachers Day Celebrations - 2021
and
Award Ceremony to Teachers conferred with
the State award
Date: 05.09.2021, Sunday. Time: 3.00 PM.
Venue: Banquet Hall, Vidhana Soudha, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Veedhi, Bengaluru.
Inauguration of the Programme and Award Presentation
Sri Basavaraj S. Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister
Introductory Speech
Sri B.C. Nagesh
Hon'ble Minister for Primary and Secondary Education & Sakala
Presided by
Sri Rizwan Arshad
Hon'ble MLA, Shivajinagar Assembly Constituency
Sri B.C. Nagesh, Hon'ble Minister for Primary and Secondary Education & Sakala with students.
Congratulations to Teachers conferred with the State Award
S.R. Umashankar, IAS
Principal Secretary, Department of Primary and Secondary Education.
Anbukkumar V., IAS
Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction.
M. Deepa, IAS
State Project Director, Samagra Shikshana Karnataka.
Snehal R., IAS
Director, Department of Pre University Education.
Nalini Atul, IAS
Additional Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Kalaburagi.
Major Siddalingayya S Hiremath, KAS
Additional Commissioner, Department of Public Instruction, Dharwad.
All Directors and Officers, Teachers and Staff of Department of Public Instruction
Will be telecast live in Chandana and https://youtu.be/DN8HpFBgD1c
As is enshrined in our Constitution, who is a parent or guardian to provide opportunities for education to his child or, as the case may be, ward between the age of six and fourteen years is the fundamental duty of every citizen of the country.

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